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Sunday, February 25, 2018

U. S. Department of State
Office of Information Programs and Services
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Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following:

- Evaluation(s), and/or, tests performed on person(s) afflicted with the 'Cuba Condition' pertaining to 'electromagnetic pulses,' electromagnetic fields (EMF)
- Analysis or reports related to the 'Cuba Condition' as it relates to the usage of EMF 'weaponry' or mechanisms, methods, or techniques that yield the same result(s) (i.e. hacking of the electrical grid so as to produce EMF)

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest.

Specifically, there have been numerous articles covering the issue(s) as they relate to the 'Cuba Condition' and in two articles in the Fall of 2017 it was mentioned that 'electromagnetic pulses' was considered a potential cause (AP News and Ars Technica). Yet the recent report, commissioned by your agency and detailed in a JAMA article (JAMA. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.1742), makes no mention of any tests done relating to EMF. And therefore it is in the public's interest to know why not: what analysis, or testing, has been done by the government, or its agents, to conclude that EMF is not a cause of the conditions afflicting State Department personnel who were stationed in Havana, Cuba (i.e. 'Cuba Condition').

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

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Ex. 2

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Monday, April 16, 2018

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I am writing to you for assistance with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request made with the U.S. Department of State that was posted on 26 February 2018. As of this writing I have yet to receive a response. However, based upon Department of State FOIA Regulations, Title 22, Chapter I, Subchapter R, Part 171.11 they have 30 days in aggregate to respond to a request (10 days to determine appropriate department; 20 days for that department to respond).

Therefore, given this situation I am asking for any assistance in getting a response from the appropriate department at the State Department. I have enclosed a copy of my original request and can be reached via the above-listed contact information.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Samuel III

Encl: Letter to US DoS, dated 2/25/18



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Requester:

MAY 01 2018

RE: Evaluations, and/or, test performed on persons afflicted with the Cuba condition pertaining to electromagnetic pulses, electromagnetic fields and

This is in response to your request dated 2-25-18, which was received on 3-12-18. We have assigned Case Control Number F-2018-01945 to your request.

Based on our review of your correspondence, we have determined that we cannot process your request for the following reason(s):

- ☒ You have not reasonably described the records you seek in a way that someone familiar with Department records and programs could locate them.
- ☐ You have not provided identifying information (such as your date and/or place of birth, or the date and/or place of birth for all parties associated with your request; citizenship status for all parties associated with your request).
- ☐ You have not provided proof of your identity (see attached information sheet pertaining to certification of identity).
- ☐ Some or all of the records you have requested do not appear to be State Department records (other agency information may be enclosed).
- ☐ The records you seek are in the public domain.
- ☐ Your request is not dated.
- ☐ You have submitted your identifying information on forms that were not issued by the State Department, which we do not accept.
- ☐ You have not agreed to pay the fees associated with the processing of your request.
- ☐ Your request is not a FOIA Request.
- ☐ Your request was not submitted in English.

Accordingly, your request is invalid and your case has been closed.

- ☐ Please see the enclosed information sheet pertaining to access to third party information.
- ☐ Please see the enclosed information sheet pertaining to custodial verification.

Should you want to contact us, you may call our FOIA Requester Service Center on (202) 261-8484 or send an email to FOIAstatus@state.gov. If you want information concerning how to file a request, please refer to the Information Access Guide which is available at www.foia.state.gov. Please refer to the Case Control Number in any communication.

Sincerely,

 Requester Communications Branch
Office of Information Programs & Services

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The Department of State is responsible for formulating and executing U.S. foreign policy and primarily maintains records dealing with U.S. foreign relations. The Department also maintains records of applications from U.S. citizens for U.S. passports and visa requests from non-citizens to enter the U.S., records on consular assistance provided to U.S. citizens abroad, and records of Department employees.

Based on our review of your correspondence, we have determined that we cannot process your request because you have not reasonably described the records you seek in a way that someone familiar with Department records and programs could locate them. As the Department of State consists of hundreds of offices and overseas posts, with many different filing systems, your request should be specific, detailed, and include as much of the following as might be relevant:

- ☒ Please specify or narrow the time frame of your request;
- ☐ Please narrow the scope of your request;
- ☐ Type of record, subject matter, countries and/or organizations involved;
- ☐ Circumstances which lead you to believe the records exist;
- ☐ Full description of incidents, meetings, events, persons involved, etc., pertaining to the documents requested;
- ☐ If persons are involved, are they public figures or deceased individuals.

Documents about a Deceased Person

For deceased individuals, unless the death has been widely reported, please provide proof of death, e.g., a newspaper obituary or a copy of a death certificate, or advise us that none will be forthcoming.

State.gov Email Records

For email records to or from state.gov email accounts, please identify the specific office/offices, or post/posts that may have responsive records, or identify a specific individual/individuals employed by the Department of State who may have sent or received responsive emails. In addition, please identify a specific subject or subjects for the email records you are requesting.

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Friday, May 18, 2018

U. S. Department of State
Office of Information Programs and Services
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Dear FOIA Officer,

This correspondence is in response to your denial of my original FOIA request which was assigned Case Control Number F-2018-01945. In that denial you stated that I did not 'reasonably describe' the records I was interested in, and more specifically, I needed to 'narrow the time frame' of my request. The time frame in question would be 1 January 2016 through 18 May 2018.

More specifically my original request was based upon a Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) research paper published on behalf of **your** organization. This was mentioned in my original request. And again that article's reference number(s) are JAMA. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.1742 and it was published on 15 February 2018. This article would be a good source of information in regards to my request and is available, free-of-charge, online.

Please contact me if there are any more questions in regards to my request.

Cordially,

Robert T. Samuel III



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Ex. 5

June 28, 2018

F-2018-04133

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Dear Mr. Samuel,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 18, 2018, pursuant to FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552 [552a], to the Department of State (DOS), in which you requested evaluations, analyses, and reports related to tests performed on person(s) afflicted with the 'Cuba Condition' pertaining to 'electromagnetic pulses' and 'electromagnetic fields (EMF)' referenced in a Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) research paper provided to the Department, from January 1, 2016 to May 18, 2018.

The Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on May 31, 2018. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. In addition, we have placed your request in the complex category.

This Office has adopted a first in/first out practice of processing all incoming requests. Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric F. Stein', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

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Tuesday, 16 October 2018

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I am writing to you for assistance with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request made with the U.S. Department of State that was posted on 26 February 2018. I had asked for assistance from your office concerning the matter in a letter dated 16 April 2018. Since then, I did receive a reply from the U.S. Department of State dated 1 May 2018 that stated that they could not fulfill my request as it was too broad, and specifically, that I should provide a date range for their search(es). On 18 May 2018 I did post a reply narrowing the date range for their search(es) to which they responded on 28 June 2018 assigning tracking number F-2018-04133. As of this writing I still have not received a response after I narrowed the search range.

I am asking for any assistance in getting a response from the U.S. Department of State. I have enclosed all of the relevant correspondence.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Samuel III

Encl: Letter to US DoS, dated 2/25/18
Letter from US DoS, dated 5/1/18
Letter to US DoS, dated 5/18/18
Letter from US DoS, dated 6/28/18



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Your inquiry with OGIS - OGIS case 19-0333

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To: OGIS <OGIS@nara.gov>
Cc: rtsamuel3@gmail.com

Fri, Feb 15, 2019 at 11:52 AM

February 15, 2019
OGIS Case 19-0333

Robert T. Samuel III
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Dear Mr. Samuel,

Please see the attached response from OGIS regarding your inquiry.

Thank you.



OGIS Final - 19-0333.pdf
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February 15, 2019— Sent via email

re: Case No. 19-0333

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Dear Mr Samuel:

This responds to your October 16, 2018 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), pertaining to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of State. Thank you for your patience as we handled your case.

Congress created OGIS as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the agency's request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents.

In your submission to OGIS, you explain that you submitted a FOIA request to DOS on February 26, 2018; however, you have yet to receive a substantive response. You sought our assistance in obtaining information about the status of your request.

As you may be aware, the FOIA requires agencies to establish a telephone line or Internet service that provides information to the requester on the estimated date the agency will complete action on a request, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(7)(B)(ii). Guidance issued by the Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP) states that agencies "should make a reasonable judgment as to when they believe processing will be complete, based upon what remains to be done in a given case and in light of the agency's experience with processing similar requests." ("OIP Guidance: Assigning Tracking Numbers and Providing Status Information for Requests," November 18, 2008, <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2008foiapost30.htm>).

We contacted DOS to request that DOS provide us with the status and estimated date of completion for your request. Unfortunately, DOS was unable to provide us with an estimated date of completion for the processing of your request as the FOIA requires.

We understand your frustration with DOS's delay in the response to your request. Delays, while unfortunate, are an unavoidable aspect of the FOIA for many agencies, particularly those that receive as many requests and appeals as DOS. While the agency did not provide an estimated date of completion, it may be helpful to know that, according to FOIA.gov reporting, in Fiscal Year 2017, DOS responded to simple requests in an average of 373 days and complex requests in an average of 681 days with the longest response time for simple and complex cases listed as 2067 days and 2822 days respectively.

At this point, you may wish to contact the agency's FOIA Public Liaison (FPL). All Federal agencies have an FPL, whose role is to explain the FOIA process and assist requesters with their FOIA requests at any stage of the administrative process.

Kellie Robinson, Public Liaison
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Phone: 202-261-8484

Although this may not be the outcome you anticipated, we hope you find this information useful. At this time, it appears that there is no further assistance OGIS can offer and we consider this matter closed. If you have questions or concerns that we have not addressed, please contact us again.

Sincerely,

The OGIS Staff

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